

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to as failing to comply with CFR 1.84(p)(5). Drawing corrections have been made in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions and to comply with CFR 1.84(p)(5).

Applicant attaches hereto an abstract on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b).

The specification has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application, claims 1 and 7 having been amended herein.

Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 7 was objected to due to an informality.

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 11-13 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Venalainen.

Claims 4-6 and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Venalainen in view of Wiedmann et al..

Claim Objection

Claim 7 was objected to due to an informality. Specifically, the Examiner contended that the phrase "the balls" has insufficient antecedent basis. Applicant has corrected this phrase in claim 7. Accordingly, the Examiner's claim to the claim 7 has been overcome.

Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(b)/35 U.S.C. §103(a)

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The claimed invention relates to a measurement apparatus for vehicle body alignment work. The measurement unit (17a₁, 17a₂) of which the measurement apparatus (15) can be moved in a vertical guide, (15b₁, 15b₂), which vertical guide (15b₁, 15b₂) can further be moved in a longitudinal guide (15a₁, 15a₂), and which measurement unit (17a₁) can be provided with a movable measurement arm (40) having an articulation. A first arm part (42) can be pivoted on support of the articulation (41) and the arm part (42) is connected to a second arm part (43) which can be turned around its longitudinal axis (X₃₀). A second structure formed by the first and second arm parts (42,43) can be extended in the direction of a longitudinal axis (X₂₀) of the first arm part (42) such that the second arm part (43) can be displaced with respect to the first arm part (42) to different length positions.

The references cited in the Office Action do not disclose the apparatus arrangement in accordance with our invention. The apparatus of our invention comprises a measurement arm (40) which is provided in connection with a measurement unit and which comprises an articulation with a first arm part is connected thereto. The first arm part can be pivoted on support of the articulation with respect to the measurement arm, and to said arm part is connected a second arm part which can be turned around its longitudinal axis. A measurement head is

connected to said second arm part. In the structure in accordance with our invention, the second arm part is additionally movable with respect to the first arm part to different length positions, and the second arm part (43) comprises at its end a through hole through which the measurement head is passed perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis (X_{30}) of the second arm part. Therefore, the prior art does not anticipate or teach the present invention and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §10(a) should be overcome.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments it is submitted that the Examiner's objections and rejections have been overcome and should be removed and the present application should now be in condition for allowance.

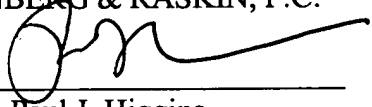
Should any changes to the claims and/or specification be deemed necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

It is believed that this communication is being timely submitted. However, in the event that it is untimely and extension fees are required, this is to be considered a petition for extension and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0518.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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